

BIG SANDY ROAD BOOSTED BY THE COAL OPERATORS

At the meeting of coal operators in Ashland last week the subject of a highway up the Big Sandy valley received a good deal of attention. Mr. John E. Barton, a strong talker on the subject, which was enthusiastically received.

Mr. Fletcher of Jenkins spoke on the subject of better roads. Nothing, he said would do more for the mountain of Kentucky or for the cities along the line from Ashland to Jenkins than a good paved highway.

Mr. Henry DeVries, of Paintsville, made an interesting response on the subject of co-operation and the need of good roads. He said that any man who had paddled around in the mud for thirty years, had stayed at home many times when he wanted to visit his neighbors on account of the miserable roads would appreciate what good roads meant.

In speaking of the development of this section Mr. DeVries said Ashland has failed in not going after the business that rightfully belongs to her. He said there were thousands of dollars which passed Ashland every day and would be coming here if the proper effort had been made to get it. He said the best way to check this flow of wealth and turn it into Ashland would be to back the good road project. Personal contact makes us better citizens. The Big Sandy valley has the most beautiful scenery in the world. A paved roadway would mean a new life for the valley. It would bring us close together and hence our people would learn more of Ashland through this personal contact. This paved roadway he said would not only do wonders for Ashland, but for the entire Big Sandy valley.

Mr. J. E. Barton, state forester of Kentucky, spoke on the value of planting trees along our highways. In discussing the good roads movement, he said that good roads would bring a troop of tourists to Ashland almost every week and tourists he said spend lots of money. No section of Kentucky is better advertised than the mountains. All it needs is a road up the Big Sandy valley and this would be the highest and best thing the state of Kentucky could do. Nut trees he said were not practical. Walnuts might be planted but oaks, magnolias and tulips were the best as they make beautiful shade and are beautiful trees especially for the fall of the year.

In concluding Mr. Barton said that in France just as soon as a road is built it is planted to trees. These trees, he said, are the best and make it durable. He concluded by saying that the forestry division of the state would aid in this matter of planting trees along the road just as far as possible.

F. E. AUSTIN WRITES LETTER FROM FRANCE

Miss Dimple Austin, of Charley, who is attending school in Columbus, Ohio, received the following letter from F. E. Austin, Co. B, 1st Pioneer Infantry, A. E. F.:

December 12, 1918.

Dear sister Dimple:

I suppose you think I've forgotten you. I've been away from my company for six weeks, have been in school-infantry camp and in the trenches. I am now in the city of Toul waiting traveling orders to return to my company. My regiment is attached to the army of Occupation and is somewhere near the German border. I guess I will be quite different when I return for when I left the company the German army was giving a real reception with high explosives. Guess everything will be about the same as it was a little while ago.

When have you heard from Charley? I haven't seen him since I've been in France. Frank is still with the company or he has been. I haven't heard from him since.

Tell Auntie and Homer it looks like they could write me a line once in a while. I guess they like all the letters I have entirely forgotten me, as I haven't received a letter from anyone in two months.

Love, yours,
BROTHER.

PAINTSVILLE

Mayo College.

The attendance at John C. Mayo College has been increasing since the holidays. The business department has a large enrollment also. President Sowards and Mrs. Sowards went to Ashland Monday.

James W. Auxier.

Mr. J. E. Auxier, moving spirit of the Paintsville Grocery Company, to Cincinnati Monday. While he was in the city he was a specialist in his line, which has not been for awhile.

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Turner has been Assistant Attorney General. Attorney General Charles H. Morris appointed D. M. Howerton, of Catlettsburg, to succeed Turner. Howerton has been law clerk in the department.

TWO YEARS NEEDED TO RE- STORE COAL MINES

Coblenz, Jan. 19.—American engineers who have inspected the coal mines in the Lens region of Northern France before the mines will be in full operation, according to Charles M. Schwab, who has arrived in Coblenz after visiting Belgium and the battlefields of France. The engineers told Mr. Schwab that many mines were flooded and that conditions in the region generally were bad.

TROOPS TO RETURN WITH THE PRESIDENT

Paris.—It is now definitely settled that a large number of American troops will go to America with President Wilson on the liner George Washington. Mr. Wilson has personally given orders that every available bit of space on the liner be given over to troops and that the personnel of his party be reduced to the minimum.

KILLED AT ASHLAND.

The body of Frank Goodman, of Garrett, Floyd County, was found near Ashland Sunday with two bullet wounds. He was about 23 years old and was a mine boss. There is no suspicion of robbery, as \$25 was found on his body.

SELLS HALF OF BIG SANDY NEWS

I have sold to Mr. E. K. Spencer a half interest in the Big Sandy News and he is now on the job. Having grown up in this office, he knows all about it. He is competent to handle any department and will prove a strong factor in the business. We are planning larger things and if the people of this county and valley will show proper interest by giving us the necessary patronage we shall endeavor to meet every demand for first class service.

Mr. Spencer returned about five weeks ago from Europe, where he had spent nearly a year in the aviation branch of the army. He operated several months before being sent overseas. An honorable discharge was given him just after Christmas and he has been in Louisa since that time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Spencer.

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In the death of Mr. Salyer the Solvay loses a valuable man and a boy county a most worthy citizen. He was born in Johnson county and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Salyer of Normal, and was 25 years of age. He leaves a wife and three children, a son, a daughter and a son. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a devoted father and a kind husband. Beside the above mentioned he is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Alvin Sparks of Hoods Creek, Mrs. Flom Stanley of Van Lear, Mrs. Thora Gallier, Mrs. Alex Martin and Mrs. Jake Meade, all of Normal. Also, the following brothers: Jasper, Jerry, Albert, John and Hubert, who are in France and Albin, the youngest.

Mr. Salyer was recently converted and joined the Baptist church.

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OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR COAL ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of Northeast Coal Association at Ashland last week the following officers were elected: Garret Fletcher of Weeksbury and of the Elkhorn-Piney Coal Co. president; A. J. Johnson, Garrett, vice-president; N. M. White, of Weeksbury, treasurer; directors: John E. Buckingham of Paintsville; C. G. Smith of Fleming; Charles W. Connor, of Esco; James Davies of Paintsville; C. M. Roehrig, secretary; continued at his post, Mrs. Mary Estep, of Unity, for some time. They will live in Ashland where Mr. Hammond owns property. Mrs. Hammond is a Lawrence county woman and her home was at Walbridge before moving to Boyd county.

NO IMMIGRATION FOR FOUR YEARS

Prohibition of immigration for four years after the war except from Cuba, Mexico, Newfoundland and Canada was agreed upon unanimously yesterday by the House Immigration Committee Tuesday. If Congress agrees to this it may solve several problems.

NATION WILL BE DRY JANUARY 16, 1920

The State Department at Washington has issued a proclamation declaring the ratification of the eighth amendment to the constitution of the United States and fixing January 16, 1920, as the date on which it is to become effective. The 4th of July now has a rival.

PERSHING TO RUSH U. S. SOLDIERS HOME

Paris, Jan. 25.—Gen. Pershing reports that by April he will be dispatching American troops homeward from France at the rate of 300,000 monthly. This appears to be considered a rapidly as Gen. Pershing's forces can be safely demobilized without adding to the difficulties of unemployment.

MRS. GREEN ENDS LIFE.

Mrs. Sarah A. Green, of Boyd county, drank carbolic acid and died a few hours later last Thursday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Remy. She was highly regarded by all. Her husband, Thomas Mark Green, died about three months ago of influenza, and it is thought grief over her death caused the rash act. Four little children survive.

COMPTON AND SEE WRITE FROM EUROPE

The following extract is from a letter received by Felix See and wife from their son, Ira T. See. This is the first letter they have had from him since Nov. 3 and it is hardly necessary to say that it brought them great relief as they had begun to fear that he had been killed.

Dec. 16.—Am now in Germany. We left France Nov. 22 and arrived here Dec. 14. We were marching 22 days. We have crossed the river Rhine and the name of the town we are in is Coblenz. We walked about 130 miles and are doing guard duty here. We are about 100 miles from the German border. It is a pretty country. We are guard duty part of Germany a while and then will get a transport for the United States. I don't think it will be long until we start across. My health is good. Will write more often now that the war is over. My address is Co. A, 1st Pioneer Infantry, A. E. F. Coblenz, Germany.

WILLIE COMPTON.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Compton, of Route 1, had not heard from their son, Willie, since some time before the armistice was signed until the letter of Dec. 14 and 25 which came a few days ago. His friends were glad to know that he is safe. He writes as follows from France:

Am well and getting along all right. Hope you both are. I haven't been knocked out a day from any kind of duty since I've been in France on account of being sick and I am very thankful to our dear Lord for blessing me with such good health so far. Health is a good blessing. I don't think it will be a great while until I will be with you. Am in the 6th division and think I'll probably be home by Easter. Anyway, I'll be home by then. I'll be home by then. I'll be home by then.

Hope to soon get the Christmas package you sent. Glad father is fixing for us to farm. Regards to all. My address is Co. D, 17th M. G. Bn, American E. F.

L. S. ALLEY INJURED

Mr. Luke Alley, who lives two miles below Louisa, was badly hurt early Friday morning by falling from a barn loft and landing on his back. He was lying on the floor. He fell through an opening in the floor. He was feared that his injuries would prove fatal, but he is improving and his friends are now quite hopeful. The doctor attending him is Dr. W. H. Hammon and Mearman. They were called here to see him. Mr. Alley is one of our best citizens and we all hope for his recovery.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in his divine wisdom has removed from our society, our beloved sister and brother, Mrs. J. W. Green, who was a devoted Christian life has made a lasting impression upon our society and church, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of her many virtues, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we confidently believe that such virtuous Christian charity will be greatly rewarded and that she is now enjoying the fruition of the new life.

That we hope that each member of the society will remember her many good qualities, and endeavor to imitate her in all her virtues.

That we hereby express our sympathy to her family and friends, and point them to the Father in heaven for the comfort and consolation for the bereaved.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her husband, her parents, her sister, and the local society, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society.

MRS. J. O. JACKSON
MRS. W. M. GIVEN
MRS. R. E. SELBE
Committee.

CLENDENIN, W. VA.

FOUR LIVES LOST IN FIRE.

Miss Edith Scott, of New York, a teacher and three children, Elmer Walker, Al Huff and Lunda Hall, were burned to death in a fire that broke out at the Pine Mountain Hotel, near Clendennin, W. Va., last night.

A surprise shower of sparks from a furnace caused the fire, which spread rapidly and consumed the hotel in a few minutes.

HICKSVILLE

Maud Jones, who has been visiting her aunt, Liza Clevenger at Overda, has returned home.

John W. Jones was calling on Hattie Jones Saturday.

School at Polly's Chapel will be closed Friday.

Della Webb was calling on her best friend, Liza Clevenger, Saturday.

Liza Clevenger was calling on Golda Webb Sunday.

Makie and Joel Webb were calling on their friends, Bessie and Jessie Dalton, Saturday.

Luther Adams was calling on Dora Webb Sunday.

Martha Kichen visited her sister, Mary Derfield Sunday.

Loy Webb was calling on her cousin, Edith Webb, Saturday.

David Chaffin was calling on Artie Holbrook Sunday.

On New Year's day, a fire broke out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, which consumed the house and the lives of the family.

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Wounded in Action.

Chris. C. Fields, of Stone Coal, W. Va., was wounded severely.

Martin County Man.

Frederick Jewell, of Pilgrim, Martin county, is reported wounded severely.

Wounded Soldier Returned.

Sidney M. Hinkle, of Pikeville, Herbert Salvers of Sip, Johnson-co., and Oscar Lovely, Paintsville, are among the wounded and sick soldiers who arrived at Camp Taylor Wednesday from overseas.

Robert Crum, of Banner, Floyd-co., was wounded slightly.

Private Walter Perry, Kermit, W. Va., dead, cause undetermined, previously reported missing.

Private Stanley Smith, West Huntington, W. Va., missing.

Private Grover Gabbard, Cow creek, Ky., wounded, degree undetermined.

John Workin, of Huileto, Lawrence county, is reported to be slightly wounded.

F. H. Yates, Augustine Snyder, Jr., T. D. Burgess, R. L. Vinson, James H. Woods, W. E. Quin and M. F. Conley were guests of the Ashland Hotel at a party given Monday evening.

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THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Stambaugh will be in Louisa Sunday, February 2, and will preach morning and night at the usual hour. Everybody invited.

CIRCUIT COURT FEBRUARY TENTH

The Lawrence Circuit Court will begin at Louisa Feb. 10th. The jury are as follows:

Grand Jury:—Merida Kelly, W. H. Cordie, James Brannan, John G. Thompson, Harvey Hardin, Ruggie Shepherd, Grover Lyons, John George, Fred Perry, Bill Shivel, G. G. Bentley, M. A. Thompson, Henry Davis, Harvey Shannon, Wm. Easton, Sheridan Ward, John Brumley and James Adams.

Small Jury:—Jess Daniel, Lindsey Sammons, J. C. Carter, Willie Cordie, Charles Bishop, W. Brannan, W. Z. Stinson, Lemko O. Bryan, A. J. Green, Fred M. W. Ruckert, Charley Ross, Norman Osborn, John McClure, Milt Carter, E. F. Johnson, R. M. Sparks, Amos Thompson, L. D. Boggs, W. O. Sneyd, D. D. McGuire, Monroe Smith, W. L. Lambert, Robert Ruggie, R. T. Hall, Davis Martin, Jess Young, Thomas Hayton, West Burton, J. M. Pigg, L. P. Webb, H. S. Young, John Loyndale, Charles Green, Charley Rice, and Marion Wheeler.

WEST VIRGINIA BOY WRITES FROM FRANCE

Mrs. J. M. Rowe of Fort Gay, W. Va., received the following from her son, Dee Rowe:

Ally, France, Dec. 16, 1918.

Some experience of the 31st F. A. 15th Division, A. Brigade, or the Fighting 5th Division.

We, the 31st F. A. arrived in France Sunday, June 9, 1918, at Bordeaux. After a five-day rest we were trained for Rodon arriving there 24 hours later. From there a part of our men were sent to different parts of France to gather up horses for our regiment and brigade.

After getting our horses, we left Rodon. Arrived in Camp Meuseon after a very hard four days ride. At Camp Meuseon we all received our artillery practice. There qualified, and on Sept. 16th, left there for some actual experience with the Boche. We arrived at Seully on the western front near Verdun on Sept. 18th.

We placed our guns in our first firing position at Le-Mort-Homme, in English in Dead Man's Hill. There we had our first experience with the Hun. About 2:00 a. m. on Sept. 26th, our great barrage began. After quite a number of hours hard fighting we gained Dead Man's Hill, with Hill 301 and also the greater observation post in France, located at Montfaucon. This is where the German Crown Prince watched the situation from the top of the hill. From there we advanced about six miles, taking our second position in front of the town of Belheux. Our fighting 80th Division could not be contented and again they advanced. From there we captured and placed our guns near Nantilly, known here as Gas Hollow. In this position was our first casualties. The roads and fields were strewn with dead men. Shells were bursting around us, but we still advanced taking our next artillery position in Montfaucon. After two weeks hard fighting we again advanced through a forest of woods under heavy shell fire to Argonne. There our fighting 80th Division was relieved for replacement. We the artillery were attached to another infantry division. The boys that relieved our fighting 80th Division were boys of our own spirit that our infantry boys did. We certainly thought at that time that we were going to have to occupy the front line trenches ourselves to save our big guns. It was a critical time when we were so critical. If our 80th division engineers had not come to our rescue we would have been out of luck. With our engineers we held this position until a Rainbow Division arrived. They were advanced capturing the town of Romagne. At this place we had the saddest experience of our lives; but we not only held this position, but we were able to capture the town of Romagne. On Nov. 1st, we gave the Germans a second great barrage. This was one of the greatest, hardest, bloodiest battles fought in France. The Hun Division Infantry was attached to the 90th Division Infantry. At this position our artillery came in close contact, the enemy making a counter-attack and were compelled to get our snail and roach bayonets, the most convenient time to fight with, and help the 90th drive the enemy back.

With Division Infantry does not know the word "retreat." If ever man held a position being greatly outnumbered, these infantry boys did. Our fighting 80th Division Infantry which were leading the charge, were fresh and full of grit, and with them on our left we again advanced. With our heavy barrage on Nov. 1st, we captured the noted Argonne Forest, which was known to be the bloodiest, hardest sector on the entire front. We captured at this time thousands of prisoners and guns of every description. From this position we continued our advance, and were stopped at two particular points, and that for only a very short period of time—one near Baurbeville, and the other I cannot recall at present.

On Nov. 10th, we crossed the Meuse River, at the town of Sassy, we being the first artillery brigade to cross the Meuse. We went into position near Sassy. At 11:00 a. m. the following day we received our orders to cease firing. The entire 15th Brigade was in Verdun. Argonne offensive, from Sept. 26th to Nov. 11th inclusive, and at no time, day or night, were our guns idle.

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Rev. Chambers, the pastor, preached another of his excellent series of sermons on prayer last Sunday morning. On account of the illness of his wife and baby he arranged for the Epworth League to take charge of the night service. This was done and Mrs. W. E. Queen was leader. The program was devoted to the Centenary movement. Appropriate articles were read by Misses Elizabeth Yates, Clara Lumber and Hattie Carter, and by Judge T. S. Thompson. Addresses were made by M. G. Berry, A. O. Carter and M. F. Conley. W. H. Queen read the scripture lesson. Miss Martha Coleman featured the meeting with a violin solo.

Mrs. Ella Hayes' Centenary talk of prayer meeting last week was very much complimented by those present. Mrs. W. M. Byington made a fine address on the subject at Sunday school, and W. E. Queen distinguished himself at the church service. Mrs. R. L. Vinson was announced as the Centenary speaker for prayer meeting next Sunday, Mrs. T. W. Shank for the morning church service and C. L. Miller for the evening service.

Prof. Kennison was not yet able to return to his Sunday school class but is expected next Sunday. M. G. Berry gave a very helpful talk to the Sunday school.

The Centenary group meeting at Ashland Monday and Tuesday was attended by F. H. Yaton and M. F. Conley. Influence and smallpox reduced the attendance very much below what was expected.

Mrs. Bettie Pigg led the prayer service on Wednesday night at the request of the pastor, who could not be present. Mrs. R. L. Vinson was the three-minute Centenary speaker. Both of the ladies performed their duties in a most creditable manner.

Prof. Kennison called off the Bible class meeting of Thursday evening of this week, as he has a troublesome cough.

DOVER PETERS SEVERELY WOUNDED

In the casualty list published by the government Tuesday appears the name of Dover Peters, R. D. 1, Louisa, as having been severely wounded in France.

He is a son of Mrs. Jane Peters, who lives a few miles from Louisa, and he is a member of the Boy Scouts and was in some of the big battles.

He is a son of Garred Peters, deceased.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ROOSEVELT

Mr. Richard Moore, chairman of the Council of Defense of Lawrence county, has received a request from the Kentucky Council of Defense that arrangements be made for memorial services to be held on February 9, in honor of the late Theodore Roosevelt. No definite form of ceremony is outlined, the matter being left entirely to the discretion of each Council.

EDUCATION MULTIPLIES CHANCES FOR SUCCESS

Those who enjoy delving into figures have shown that the youth with no education has one chance in 1,000 of becoming distinguished; the boy with an elementary education, four times as much; the high-school or commercial graduate, eighty-seven times the chance; and the college graduate, eight hundred times the chance of becoming distinguished.

COMMON SCHOOL DIPLOMAS.

In the diploma examination last Friday and Saturday the following applicants made sufficient grades to entitle them to common school diplomas: James Sturgill, Julia Kouns, Pearl Sturgill, Vieve Moore, Lucille F. McClure, Mary E. Thompson, Manly Vaughn, James Green, Paul D